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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF UCLA PROFESSOR JOHN HUTCHINSON

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1. CHONA TOOK INITIATIVE TO TELEPHONE AMBASSADOR ABOUT HIS CONVERSATION WITH HUTCHINSON. SAID HE WAS IMMEDIATELY PUT ON GUARD AND MADE SUSPICIOUS OF HUTCHINSON WHO SAID HE HAS MESSAGES FROM SMITH AND VORSTER. AS FOR ANY MESSAGE FROM SMITH, CHONA SAID ZAMBIANS WANTED NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM. AS FOR MESSAGE FROM VORSTER, CHONA SAID HE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED TELEX FROM SAG (PRESUMABLY FROM BRAND FOURIE) ASKING ONLY THAT ZAMBIANS LISTEN TO HUTCHINSON. IN VIEW OF THIS AND OF SUBSTANCE OF HUTCHINSON'S REMARKS, ALSO BECAUSE ZAMBIANS AND SAG HAVE THEIR OWN CHANNELS, CHONA SAID HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT ANY MESSAGE FROM SAG THROUGH HUTCHINSON.

2. ON SUBSTANCE, CHONA SAID HE REVIEWED RHODESIAN

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SITUATION ALONG LINES SIMILAR TO THAT GIVEN ME EARLIER

AND REPORTED IN LUSAKA'S 1929 LIMDIS, BUT EXERCISED MUCH CAUTION, KNOWING THAT CONVERSATION MIGHT BE PASSED ON. CHONA SAID HE DISCUSSED SUBJECT FROM ACADEMIC ANGLE AND TREATED HUTCHINSON AS PROFESSOR AND JOURNALIST. HE TURNED HUTCHINSON DOWN ON HIS REQUEST TO SEE PRESIDENT KAUNDA; ALSO REFUSED TO HELP HUTCHINSON SEE SAMORA MACHEL ON GROUNDS THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY HUTCHINSON DIRECTLY THROUGH MOZAMBICAN MISSION HERE. (SIC).

3. WHEN HUTCHINSON DROPPED AMB MOYNIHAN'S NAME, SAYING HE WAS GOOD FRIEND AND WOULD BE REPORTING BACK TO HIM AT USUN, CHONA SAID HE PROMPTLY COUNTERED BY SAYING STATE HOUSE IN ALMOST DAILY CONTACT (SIC) WITH AMERICAN AMBASSADOR HERE AND ZAMBIANS COUNTING ON THIS CHANNEL FOR ANY OFFICIAL MESSAGES IT WISHED TO CONVEY TO USG OFFICIALS, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN.

4. AMBASSADOR DREW FROM REFTEL IN BRIEFING CHONA ON US IMPRESSION OF HUTCHINSON.

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